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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT FORD'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT BRUGGER'S  
MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS

1. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THE FOLLOWING  
MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT BRUGGER:

BEGIN TEXT

HIS EXCELLENCY

ERNST BRUGGER

PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION

BERN

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE ON MY ASSUMPTION OF  
OFFICE AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. PLEASE BE  
ASSURED OF MY FULL COMMITMENT TO THE QUEST FOR WORLD  
PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND TO CONTINUED  
FRIENDSHIP AND CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

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SINCERELY,

GERALD R. FORD

END TEXT

2. FYI, BRUGGER'S TELEGRAM READ AS FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT

BERN  
AUGUST 9, 1974

THE PRESIDENT  
THE WHITE HOUSE

AT THIS TIME WHEN YOUR EXCELLENCY ASSUMES THE HIGH OFFICE  
OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES I WISH TO EXPRESS TO  
YOU THE BEST WISHES OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL FOR THE  
SUCCESS OF YOUR IMPORTANT TASK AND FOR THE HAPPY FUTURE  
OF YOUR COUNTRY.

ERNST BRUGGER  
PRESIDENT OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION

END TEXT

3. THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THIS  
EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE, BUT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION  
SHOULD THE SWISS AUTHORITIES SO ELECT.

4. THIS TELEGRAM SHOULD BE DECLASSIFIED UPON DELIVERY  
OF THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO BRUGGER. INGERSOLL

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